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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission
November 20, 2013

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Gloria Turkall, Mike Rademacher, Director of Public Works, Jim Dodge, DPW Operations Manager, Jason Jones, Cemetery Supervisor, Blair Hines of Blair Hines Design Assoc., Phyllis Mahoney and Loretta Roach

The meeting began at 9:07 am
Corrected minutes from October 9, 2013 was approved
Seven (7) deeds were signed

1. Phyllis Mahoney and Loretta Roach addressed the Commission regarding wreath removal. They are hoping they will stay till January 30th. They asked why living flowers can't remain on graves. They also stated that maybe the Arlington Garden Club would be available to help with the flower beds in the summer and that the artificial flowers look awful and wondered why real flowers weren't allowed to be planted. They left at 9:30.
2. Blair Hines presented 3 designs for the columbarium. He recommended installing more than 1 at the same time to cut costs. Some of the questions raised were; benches, paving, low lying trees and/or shrubs, who will prep the site, will the Town do some of the work. It will be a vandal proof lock system. Blair will talk with the Conservation Committee at the appropriate time. Re-discussed the available earth grave space abutting the columbarium site. The Commissioners approved invoice for services. The Commissioners asked for some design modifications. Blair will return to the next meeting on 12/11/13. Blair left at 10:32.

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3. Michael Rademacher discussed the funding for the project. Reminded us that perpetual care will be used for upkeep of the cemetery after there are no more earth graves to sell.
4. Invite Stephen Gilligan to attend the next meeting.

The next meeting is December 11, 2013 at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Smith

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